

lightning lances, who are wise, and the creators (of all things).

14. Approach, *Rishi*, with offerings and with praise, the company of the M ABUTS like a friend r¹ come, sustaining (MAEUTS), with your strength, from heaven or (any other region), glorified by our hymns.

15. Glorifying them promptly, desiring not to bring (other) deities to (his) presence, let (the wor-shipper) associate his^ gifts with those wise (divinities) renowned for their velocity, and distributors (of rewards).

16. To me, inquiring of their kindred, the sage (MAEUTS) have uttered a reply: they have declared PRISNI (to be their) mother; the mighty ones have declared the food-bestowing RUDRA (to be their) father.

17. .May the seven times seven all-potent (MARUTS, aggregated as) a single troop,² bestow upon me hundreds (of cattle) : may I possess wealth of cows, renowned upon the (banks of) the *Yamuna*.^{*} may I possess -wealth of horses.

SUKTA IX.

The deities and *JRishi* as before ; the metre varies ; that of the ;
•first, fifth, tenth, eleventh, and fifteenth verses is *Kakulh* ; of the sixth, .seventh, ninth, thirteenth, and fourteenth is *Sato-*

¹ *Mitram no.* may also be rendered *ddityam ivaj* like the ran.

² According to another text, there are seven troops of the *MarutSy* each consisting of seven, making up the usual number of forty-nine, suggesting, most probably, rather than suggested by, the absurd legend given in the *Purtinas, Visknu Pur.* 151.

³ *Yamundy&m adfii vrutam rddho gavyum* is rather a remarkable passage, as if an allusion were intended to *Gokula*, the scene of *Krishna's* boyhood.